ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 46884-5400

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	)	
Yukinobu SUGIYAMA et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 2445
	)	
Application No.: 10/543,016	)	Group Art Unit: 2878
	)	
Filed: July 22, 2005	)	Examiner: Unassigned
	)	
For: OPTICAL SENSING DEVICE	)	

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the

Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure

Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the

above-referenced application.

A copy of a European Search Report dated February 9, 2006 issued by the European

Patent Office in a related application and having documents listed thereon is attached for the

Examiner's consideration.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the European Search Report as

well as all of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 enclosed and evidence that consideration by

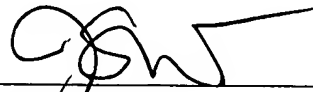making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that any listed document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

DRINKER, BIDDLE & REATH LLP

Dated: March 8, 2006

John G. Smith
Registration No.33,818

CUSTOMER NO. 55694
DRINKER, BIDDLE & REATH LLP
1500 K Street, N.W., Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005-1209
Tel: (202) 842-8800
Fax: (202)-204-0289

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary) PTO Form 1449 MAR 0 8 2006	Attorney Docket No.: 46884-5400			Serial No.: 10/543,016		
	Applicants: Yukinobu SUGIYAMA et al.				Page 1 of 1	
	Filing Date: July 22,2005			Group Art Unit: 2878		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date
		6,091,449	July 18, 2000	Matsunaga et al.	348	308	Feb. 11, 1998
		5,886,343	Mar. 23, 1999	Miyawaki et al.	250	208.1	Nov. 4, 1997
		4,490,037	Dec. 25, 1984	Anagnostopoulos et al.	356	1	Aug. 18, 1982
		5,703,639	Dec. 30, 1997	Farrier et al.	348	241	Oct. 25, 1994
		US 2002/0029122	Mar. 7, 2002	Mizuno	702	107	Oct. 26, 2001

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation YES NO	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Examiner	Date Considered

Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.